Breaches on the Roads on account of Floods.

314. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): (1) Are the Government aware that during all the three high floods in South Travancore in the years 1087, 1098 and 1101, breaches occurred in the Cape road near Suchindram, in the M. S. Road near the Ozhuginasseri Municipal toll-gate, in the Tiruppatisaram roads and in the Terur-Ozhuginasseri Road near the Kodichapillai Agarom?

(2) In view of the fact that breaches have been found to occur repeatedly in these particular spots, will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of constructing permanent causeways in these spots with a view to prevent the recurrence of breaches?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes, in 1088 (not 1087), 1098 and 1101 M. E.

(2) A retaining wall was constructed in the Cape road near Suchindram and it is proposed to provide a spillway also in the near future. As regards the M. S. road near Ozhuginasseri a spillway was constructed so early as 1088 and it is proposed to extend it. In the Tirupatisaram road the water-ways of the bridges across the Terak-kal will be enlarged and an outlet *kal* will be constructed opposite the entry of the Tirupatisaram drainage *kal* to let down the flood waters into the Pazhayar directly. The provision of a spillway for the Terur-Ozhuginasseri road is under consideration.

Delay in the Collection of dues to the Terur Kulam Irrigation Block Board for 1099.

315. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received letter No. 24, dated the 8th September 1925, from the President of the Terur Kulam Irrigation Block Board complaining against the indifferent attitude of the Revenue authorities in the matter of collection and remittance to the Block Board of the arrears of the Block Board dues for the year 1099, and also whether they have sent a reply to the President, in the Chief Secretary's letter D. Dis. No. 1414/25/Rev., dated the 23rd November 1925?

(*b*) Are they aware that the President in his letter mentioned above complained that, out of the total arrears for 1099, *viz.*, S. Rs. 356 Chs. 6-Cash 13, accounts for which were forwarded to the Tahsildar, Agastisvaram taluk, in Chingam 1100, the Revenue authorities were able to collect and remit to the Block Board only S. Rs. 166- Chs. 2-Cash 2 within a period of over one year?

(*c*) Will they be pleased to state what action they have taken on the President's complaint, and what progress has since been made in the matter of the collection of the balance of the arrears of the Block Board dues levied for 1099?

(*d*) Will they be pleased to ascertain and state the amount of the arrears for 1099 collected by the Revenue authorities and remitted to the

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Block Board since the date of the President's complaint and up to the 15th January 1926?

(*e*) Considering the fact that the collection of arrears for 1099 has been pending for nearly a year and a half, will the Government be pleased to state how long the Block Board should yet wait for closing their accounts for 1099 and what additional period will be required by the Tahsildar of Agastisvaram to collect and remit to the Block Board the balance of the arrears for 1099?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Strict instructions have been issued to the revenue officers that they should heartily help the Boards in every way and see that the amounts of cess are collected promptly. A monthly statement of demand, collection and balance has also been prescribed and the Land Revenue Commissioner has been requested to review the same as he does the D. C. B. statements of land revenue.

(*d*) Rs. 16 Chs. 15 C. 12.

(*e*) The Tahsildars have stringent orders in the matter and every endeavour is being made to collect the arrears with the least delay possible. The Government are not in a position to say beforehand by what period the arrears will be fully collected.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to make further enquiries on the basis of my statement that the answer to part (*b*) is not correct and that the amount that was remitted was only Rs. 4-Chs. 6-C. 2 and not Rs. 16-Chs. 15-C. 12.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government will make further enquiries about it.

Collection of Arrears due to the Terur Kulam Irrigation Block Board for 1100.

316. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): Will Government be pleased to state whether the Tahsildar of Agastisvaram taluk has received from the President of the Terur Kulam Irrigation Board a list of the arrears of the Block Board dues for the year 1100, and if so,

(i) the total amount of arrears required to be collected according to such list;

(ii) the date on which the list was received by the Tahsildar;

(iii) the amount of such arrears collected up to date by the revenue authorities; and

(iv) the amount of such collections remitted hitherto to the Block Board?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The list referred to by the Member has been received by the Tahsildar, Agastisvaram. The information required under the various heads is given below:

(i) Rs. 443-Chs. 22-Cash 9.

(ii) 23rd Kanni 1101.

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